

**18382—Continued.**

"The nuts are borne on spikes 4 to 7 inches long, each being of the size and shape of large marbles, about three-fourths of an inch in diameter. These have an agreeable flavor, which according to some tastes is richer than that of the hazelnut. Their chief objection is, perhaps, their very hard shell, which requires extra strong nutcrackers to break.

"The tree belongs to the order Proteaceae, to which belongs also the well-known Grevillea or 'Silky Oak.' It is evergreen, with a low, branching habit; thrives best in good damp soil, and is propagated by seed. The leaves are in whorls of 3 (ternate) or 4, as the name indicates, and the flowers are creamy white, in racemes 4 to 6 inches in length, and sweet-scented." (*H. F. Macmillan, in Tropical Agriculturist, Feb., 1906.*)

**18383 to 18387.**

From Singapore, Straits Settlements. Presented by Prof. Henry N. Ridley, director, Botanical Gardens. Received April 17, 1906.

A collection of aroids, as follows:

**18383.** ALOCASIA INDICA.

**18386.** AMORPHOPHALLUS SATIVUS.

**18384.** ALOCASIA INDICA.

**18387.** AMORPHOPHALLUS CAMPANULATUS.

**18385.** XANTHOSOMA VIOLACEUM.

**18388 and 18389. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.****Sorghum.**

From Bassorah, Persian Gulf. Received through Mr. Herbert W. Poulter, April 16, 1906.

**18388.**

*Tappo Dari.* "The best quality obtainable; is planted around Bagdad and Amara. The word *Tappo*, specifying a better quality, is Turkish and represents the name of the branch of the court which looks after the collecting of the taxes on the ground. It appears that the *Dari* coming from lands held by the court was better looked after, and so a better quality obtained; hence the name *Tappo*." (*Poulter.*)

**18389.**

*Common Dari.* Planted along the Euphrates River.

**18390. CYPERUS ESCULENTUS.****Chufa.**

From Valencia, Spain. Received through Hon. Henry A. Johnson, United States consul, April 19, 1906.

**18391. MEDICAGO SATIVA.****Alfalfa.**

From Logan, Mont. Received through Mr. Martin Jacoby, April 18, 1906.

*Turkestan alfalfa* grown in 1905 from No. 9455.

**18392. VITIS VINIFERA.****Grape.**

From Salonica, Turkey. Presented by Mr. J. Henry House. Received April 2, 1906.

Cuttings of the long finger grape *Valandora*; much prized for shipping to northern countries from Salonica.

**18393. ANTIDESMA BUNIUS.**

From Manila, P. I. Presented by Mr. W. S. Lyon, horticulturist of the Manila Bureau of Agriculture. Received April 18, 1906.

"*Bighay* of the Malays. A medium-sized, evergreen tree; highly ornamental in or out of fruit. Fruit (edible) in racemes about the size and color of the large, red *Versailles* currant." (*Lyon.*)